

## **Briefing: Congressional Western Caucus Speaking Event**

**Tuesday, May, 23rd 2018**

**12:00PM – 2247 Rayburn House Office Building**

**BAGROUND:** You spoke to the Western Caucus in May of 2017, which was well attended and widely praised by members. They will be interested in hearing a general update on their issues of interest (below) and specifically on the role of cooperative federalism at EPA.

### **AGENDA:**

- Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ04), Chairman of the Western Caucus, will give a few updates to open the lunch
- A brief introduction of all members present after which Rep. Gosar will introduce you for 10-15 minutes of remarks
- Following remarks Rep. Gosar will open the floor to Q&A. Usually the event turns into more of an informal roundtable discussion. The event will stick to the one-hour time limit out of respect to everyone's schedules

### **BACKGROND ON CONGRESSIONAL WESTERN CAUCUS:**

Active for over 20 years, The Western Caucus is one of the largest and longest standing Congressional caucuses. Originally made up of members from Western states, the caucus has expanded to include Members of Congress from all across the country including a few members from east of the Mississippi and one Democrat, Oregon's Kurt Schrader.

#### The Congressional Western Caucus is working to advance five basic objectives:

- Principle 1 – (Energy): Promoting access to our nation's energy and mineral resources while supporting a true all-of-the-above energy approach that aims to ensure the U.S. is a global energy leader.
- Principle 2 – (Local Control): Focusing on state and local solutions that put our communities first.
- Principle 3 – (Private Property Rights): Protecting ownership of property is a fundamental right in America.
- Principle 4 – (Multiple-Use): Preserving multiple-use on public lands for activities like camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, OHV use, responsible energy production and grazing.
- Principle 5 – (Agriculture and Forestry): Ensuring affordable and safe domestic food production for American families while also maintaining healthy forests.

These principles are based on the idea that stewardship of our environment and natural resources is best accomplished by those on the ground.

### **POTENTIAL TOPICS:**

# **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**



**REP. PAUL GOSAR (R-AZ04)**

***CHAIRMAN, CONGRESSIONAL WESTERN CAUCUS***

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S., is serving his fourth term in Congress as the Representative for Arizona's Fourth Congressional District. First elected in 2010, he came to Congress with no prior political experience. Rep. Gosar serves on the House Committee on Natural Resources and House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. As chairman of the 69-member Congressional Western Caucus and chairman of the Natural Resources subcommittee on energy and mineral resources, Gosar is a leader in Republican efforts to reduce federal agencies' control over how states in the West use their copper, coal, oil, and other assets.

Before being elected to Congress in 2010, Dr. Gosar owned his own dental practice and was a small businessman in Flagstaff for twenty-five years.